



APPROVED MINUTES

July 11, 2011

The Edmonds Arts Commission: dedicated to the arts, an integral part of community life.
City of Edmonds Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department

PRESENT:

Samantha Saether, Chair
Pam Harold
Suzy Maloney

Joanne Otness
Lois Rathvon
Todd Timmcke

STAFF
Frances Chapin
Kris Gillespie

AUDIENCE

ABSENT: Mary Monfort, Excused for travel

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM by Samantha Saether, Chair.

MINUTES

Timmcke MOVED, Rathvon SECONDED the June 6, 2011 minutes be approved as sent. MOTION CARRIED.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Creative Programming – Program

I. **Public Art – Project Updates** – Chapin distributed a draft **“Call for Artists” for the Cultural Heritage Tour** interpretive elements. The artist or artist team will be asked to design, create, and install 15-18 markers ranging from small signs to larger sculptural or functional pieces along the route. Chapin explained that per City public art process, the City Council approves the call for artists for projects of this budget size before it is advertised. Otness MOVED approval of the Call for Artists with refinements and recommended it for approval by City Council. Harold SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

The **“Call for Artists” for Temporary Sculpture** at the SR104 Mini Park was distributed. Chapin has talked with the City attorney about the contract and has an approved version.

Mona Smiley-Fairbanks plans to install large sheet metal flowers for her **“On the Fence”** project on the fence that belongs to the City at the south end of the Artworks parking lot this weekend. A call for submissions will be ongoing for this project. Artwork will remain on the fence for 2-6 months.

A list of estimates for **Public Art Maintenance** was distributed. Chapin suggests that Locals, Beach Launch, and Sunning Cormorant be cleaned and waxed this summer by Artech (\$2,555). Steve Jensen’s Friendship Tree needs to be cleaned and resealed, but Jensen will need to take it to his studio to allow it to dry out for several months before he can do the work (\$2,500). Another piece that is in need of attention is Noon Mark, the sundial at the Public Safety Complex. The terrazzo piece and concrete around it need to be pressure washed, and the piece sanded and sealed with a tinted sealer. Maintenance crews can do the pressure washing (at a time to be determined), and Artech will do the sanding and sealing (\$2,600). It is a very visible piece and needs to be done as soon as possible. Chapin explained that EAFF donates funds each year to help with maintenance. Chapin asked for a MOTION to reallocate funds in the 117-200 fund to cover maintenance. Harold so MOVED, Otness SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

Flower Poles – Chapin showed designs from Steve Jensen for artwork for three more flower poles of stylized boat shapes that will be cut from 1” thick aluminum. There was consensus on two of the designs and that Steve be requested to submit a new design for the third. Maloney MOVED approval of Jensen’s proposal with a different third design. Otness SECONDED, MOTION CARRIED.

1. **Concerts** – Maloney reported that 302 people attended the first Concert in the Park on July 10. She Bader and Otness were there plus Adrienne Fraley-Monillas from City Council. The group, All Mixed Up, was good but most of the audience wasn't familiar with the music.
2. **WOTS** – Otness reported that she has arranged for WOTS to share a table with Seattle Freelances at the Pacific Northwest Writers Association conference the first weekend in August. Brochures will be ready for this and for taking to the Willamette conference the same weekend. Gillespie reported that on-line registration is under contract with Event Rebels and that registration will open August 1.

Creative Programming – Funding/Administration

1. **Budget Report** – Chapin distributed a budget report and explained that fewer expenditures occur during the first half of the year. Most of EAC's expenses are in the second half with concert and WOTS costs. The usual donations for concerts and WOTS have been received. She asked Commissioners to consider how much more funding for the flower pole program should come out of the EAC budget. More publicity will be done inviting the public to use them as memorial poles. She also reminded the Commissioners that they agreed that the Edmonds Bookshop donation from WOTS book sales be deposited in the Scholarship fund to help it grow.

Advocacy & Community Involvement

1. **Arts Crush** – Chapin has worked with Lesly Kaplan at the Library to come up with a free participatory event for "Arts Crush", the regional celebration of the arts organized by Theatre Puget Sound during the month of October. Nancy Pearl will give a talk on October 21 about books and writing reviews. People will be invited to submit a book review that will be posted in the Library and on EAC's website. This activity will work for all ages.
2. **Chamber Art Committee** – Saether reported on attending the last Chamber Art Committee. It is a diverse group of people and representative of the need for educating the public about the number of arts activities, opportunities, and organizations in Edmonds. They will spend time at the next meeting identifying major goals for the group.

Cultural Destination

1. **Cultural Heritage Tour** – Chapin reported that the Historic Consultant has been selected to help with the assembling of materials for the Historical Walking Tour. Commissioners were asked for suggestions for volunteer interviewers to collect oral histories about early Edmonds.
2. **Old Mill Town Plaza** – Harold reported that the Old Mill Town Design Committee reached consensus on a design for the area in front of Old Mill Town. They are focused on a design that can be built by City crews, that is easy to maintain, and serves as a gathering place. Gift Program benches will be incorporated.

STAFF REPORT – no questions

OTHER BUSINESS

1. **OBT Reception** – Harold read the Mayor's Proclamation at the farewell dinner for Helen Wilkins who retired from Olympic Ballet at the end of June. It was well attended and Helen appreciated the recognition and the send-off.
2. **Hekinan Exhibits** – Students from Hekinan Japan will be in Edmonds in early August. There will be an exhibit of pieces from the City's Hekinan art collection in the Library during their visit.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM